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Please don't touch the corals— after all you don't even know them!

by Carolyn Qubeck
Contributing Writer

Catchy phrases like this one were not all NSU students learned while visiting one of the top marine educational facilities in the Florida Keys. Students from Dr. Barker's Environmental Studies class and Dr. Feingold's Marine Biology class took a field trip to Key Largo's Marine Lab on November 5, 2000. Marine Lab is an educational foundation that teaches students, parents, and others about the South Florida ecosystem. The foundation provides a first-hand experience by taking visitors snorkeling or scuba diving in various habitats.

Marine Lab is unique because the instructors do not just hand out snorkel gear and send individuals into the open ocean with their fears and misgivings. Instead they receive an entertain-



ing slide show from an educated marine biologist on coral reef ecology. Unfortunately, many visitors to marine habitats have limited knowledge of coral reefs. They know very little about the biological diversity inhabiting a coral reef, the biotic and abiotic factors affecting organisms' survival, how the reef maintains its diversity, how other communities such as the seagrass beds and mangrove habitats affect the reef, and the major threats to the health of the system (most of which are human inflicted). Marine Lab strives to educate the public on the importance of maintaining health and biodiversity within marine habitats in a fun way, so that people can enjoy places such as the coral reef without causing damage to them.

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NUTS has a Ball!

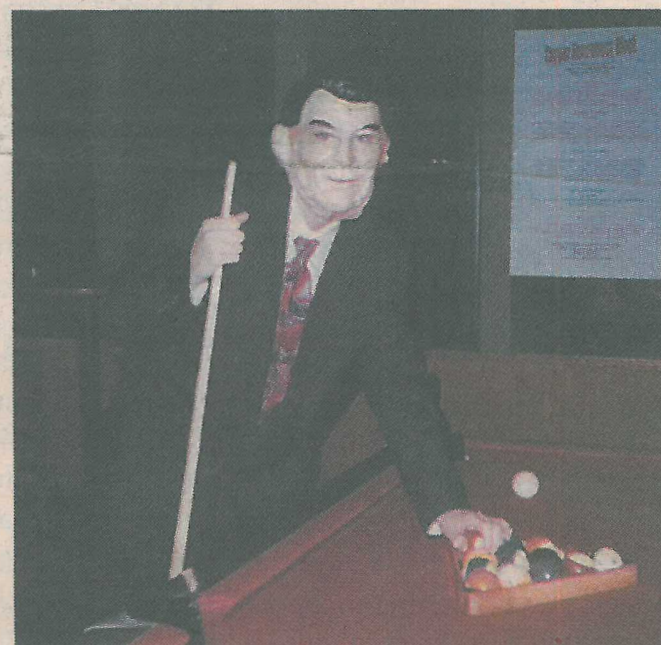
by Erika Diaz
Layout Editor

On Friday, November 10th, NUTS (Nova Southeastern University Theatrical Society) held a party at the flight deck. The costume-optional party began at five, though most people didn't show up until after about seven, which is to be expected.

The party was a bit different than most of the shindigs that the Flight Deck is famous for. Instead of having the entire night hosted by a DJ, the DJ only played for part of the night. A live band played for the rest of the evening.

On arrival the first thing most people noticed was the limousine parked outside of the Rosenthal Student Center. Many party-goers took the opportunity to get photos of themselves exiting the limo, provided they could get the NUTS members out of the limo long enough to take one.

Leading from the limo was a long plush red carpet that guided guests upstairs. The green carpeting of the stairs leading to the flight deck made



for an inadvertently festive combination. Once the guests reached the flight deck they were greeted with the sight of Pres. Reagan having a friendly conversation with a vampire. Mind you, this was only for guests who arrived before the pair decided to play a game of billiards. Let it be known that neither one plays very well.

The party also had a free buffet and what seemed to be a miniature art show courtesy of one of the band members. His paintings were all very powerful, each one full of symbolism and some reflection of his personal interpretations of society. NUTS did a commendable job in keeping the party dif-

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Environment Studies at NSU, the "Bio-Search"

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Biodiversity throughout the world is an ongoing theme with the Environmental Studies class. So far, the Marine Lab experience is the second trip within a series that these motivated students have completed. Through this "bio-search" series, the students' main goal is to accumulate as much knowledge as possible of the world's biodiversity within various ecosystems, and compile a database of the animals and wildlife they have encountered from a variety of zoos and natural habitats around the world. Previous and future excursion destinations include Lion Country Safari, Butterfly World, the Havana Zoo (Cuba), and the zoological gardens of Banos, Ecuador.

Marine biology students were involved in the bio-search while working on assigned research projects. Once at the reef, students observed an individual organism of their choice, monitoring its social interactions, feeding behavior, and other characteristics. These projects allow students to better understand their organism's niche within the South Florida ecosystem. Environmental Studies students spent their time observing the diversity of organisms within two different reef locations. A few highlights of the day were observing many different species of fish, encountering two gorgeous sea turtles as well as a rather *large* nurse shark.

In addition to the many trips included in the bio-search series, with the help of the Dr. Barker and the Environmental Studies class, Carolyn Qubeck is planning and leading an Around-the-World expedition occurring in July 2001. The trip is open anyone interested in exploring and photographing natural and cultural diversity.

Swimming the sea with sharks, roaming the jungles with jaguars, lurking the lands with lions; it's plain to see, from A to Z, these students are exploring biodiversity. Just remember without it, there'd be no you and me!

NSU Environmental Studies Students Raise Awareness of Biodiversity

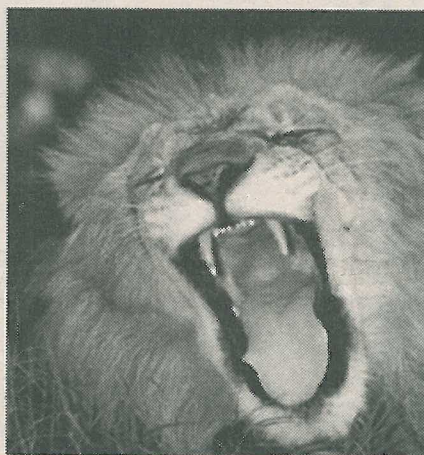
by Amanda Laperle
Contributing Writer

NSU Environmental Studies students traveled to Lion Country Safari on Wednesday October 11, 2000, where they had a first hand look at biodiversity management.

Biodiversity is the leading issue in environmentalism today, making it an obvious course of study. Biodiversity is the variety of plants and animals in a particular area.

Within this area or ecosystem, species diversity is also very important; having a large number of different species in an area helps to balance the ecosystem. Each plant and animal has a specific role in life that contributes to the health of the area. Recently human activity has destroyed habitat and pushed many species to extinction. Now it is important to save the remainder of the species and to preserve biodiversity throughout the world. NSU students have come to this realization and took a fact-finding trip to Lion Country Safari to examine their practices for maintaining biodiversity.

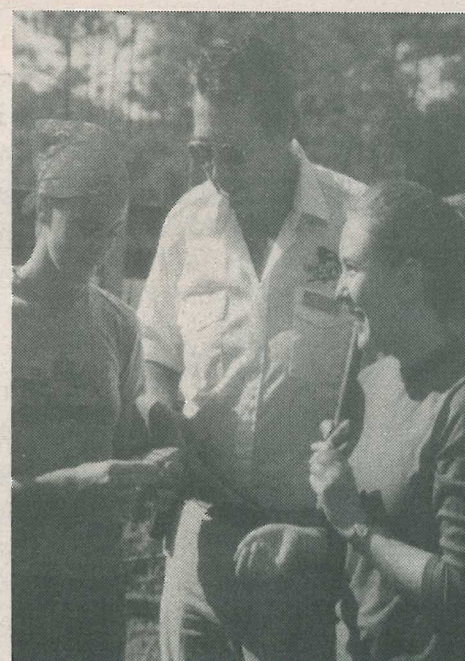
While at the park, students got a first hand look at the facilities and a behind the scenes tour of the lion and elephant facilities. Lion Country Safari owns 500 acres of land where over 1,000 wild animals are free to roam; the animals exhibit behaviors that can otherwise only be found in their natural habitats. Lion Country is unique for this reason; there are no cages keeping the wildlife confined, large herds are scattered throughout the preserve. Driving through the park, varieties of species slow the drive by crossing in front of and following the cars. Parks like Lion Country Safari help to maintain biodiversity through controlled



breeding to ensure a pure breeding stock. Lion Country Safari also makes use of a zoo-to-zoo contact through the American

Zoological Association (AZA), along with participation in the AZA's Species Survival Plan (SSP) for responsible breeding of the animals. The park also helps in preserving biodiversity through education and research. Learning about the importance of the species is the first step in saving them.

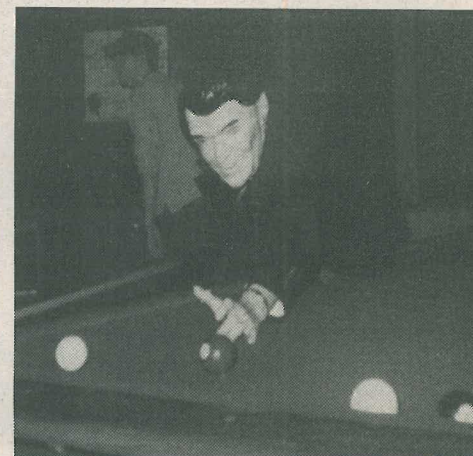
A plan of the NSU students include establishing a photographic animal database for zoos and wildlife parks around the world, to make the efforts of organizations like Lion Country Safari more efficient.



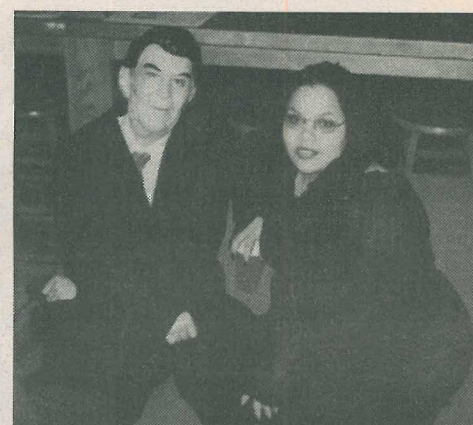
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ferent from other Flight Deck endeavors, which was the idea according to member Affifa Ahmed. She was proud that the club was doing something different saying "It's going to be better, we're not having the DJ take full control of the night. We're tired of that already." Most members of the club agreed that it wasn't in the best interests of the type of club that NUTS is, and everyone enjoys a change now and again.



Mr President takes a shot at billiards



This can't be good for his image

Be sure to check out C&C day in front of Parker on Wednesday, November 15th from 11am-2pm. The Knight will be holding it's first party of the year and you won't want to miss out!

Get a Campus Life

by Peter Salerno
Staff Writer

For those of you that think that our campus is boring, open your eyes! The Student Government Association along with Student Life have worked very hard to promote new clubs and organizations here on our campus. With a considerably large budget, SGA can help fund new clubs to help improve everyone's campus life experiences. However, since we belong to a small private school, it is important that students show interest in the clubs and organizations that already exist. The organizations that are running to date have been very successful and continue to grow. In fact, the undergraduate chapter of *IMAN* has spread to many of the students who attend NSU's Health Professions Division.

An email on the "listserve" system was sent out to IOC asking all the existing clubs to explain who they are and what they plan to achieve as a functioning group here on NSU's Campus. The responses to the listserve represent only a small number of the total clubs on campus include: *Nature Club, Pan-African Association, Salsa, N.U.T.S., the Computer Society, Lambda Theta Alpha, Premed Society, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and Hillel.*

N.A.T.U.R.E.

(Nova's Advancement Towards Understanding and Researching the Environment) is a club dedicated to understanding and protecting the environment. Their mission statement is "To change the world, one activity, one animal, one person at a time." Club meetings are held every other Thursday in the Red Room at the Flight Deck at 5:15 p.m. Club activities include coffee houses, beach/campus cleanups, and Earth Day celebrations. The president is Ben Levy; vice president, Leyda Su Ham; treasurer: Alice Aschbrenner, and secretary Jennifer Scharnitz, E-mail: nature@list.nova.edu

Pan-African Student Association

(P.A.S.A.) is a club that strives to socially motivate, politically enlighten, and academically advance its members. The mission of PASA is to promote cultural awareness among all the students at NSU. Club events include International Food Feasts, BBQs awarding respected individuals in the community for their achievements, such as DWight Lauderdale and

Carlton Moore. The Club's president is Nicole R. Robinson.

S.A.L.S.A.

Their purpose is to unite the Latin Community at NSU by promoting the differences and uniqueness of a culturally diverse group while at the same time celebrating its similarities. By providing social events, S.A.L.S.A. can create an effective medium for communication among Latin and non-Latin students at NSU. They are committed to bringing about a greater awareness of the Latin culture and ideas through events and activities both on and off campus. Stephanie Rojas is Judicial Vice President of SALSA. Feel free to visit their web page at: <http://communities.msn.com/SpanishandLatinStudentAssociation>

NUTS

(Nova Southeastern University Theatrical Society) is not only a group performing theater plays, but they also enjoy activities on- and off-campus. Their mission is to develop an organizational focus on promoting a wide range of artistic performances, especially acting, music, improvisational

theater, comedy, and photography. NUTS informs its members about events going on in the Dade, Broward, and West Palm Beach area, such as concerts, festivals, plays, and parties. Last year they participated in "Campbell Soup's Funniest Picture" and won the 2nd place prize nationwide. Melissa Hartman De Barrows is club president.

The Computer Society

This organization was founded for students who are interested in working and developing useful computer applications for use on the web. This organization is open to anyone who would like to contribute to the development of tools and applications for the world to use that would be accessed via web browsers or other devices connected to the Internet. Members include president Leeor Geva, project manager: Alex Nelson, and club advisor Dr. Hammack Membership Sign-Up: <http://www.nova.edu/~nelson>

Ladies of Lambda Theta Alpha, Inc.

NSU's first Latin sorority. Their mission statement is "To provide a sisterhood based on Unity, Love and Respect." They promote unity among Latinos and other cultures through charitable and educational programs. Sorority activities include many community service activities such as feeding the homeless, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Meals on Wheels, and Beach clean-ups. Their meetings are held bimonthly Contact Jessica Chacon (954)262-6457 Islaprincess@aol.com.

Pre-Medical Society

NSU's Pre-Medical Society is dedicated to providing students with opportunities for learning about medically related issues and playing an active role in the medical field. Through service and action, the Pre-Med Society employs a hands-on approach to

introduce students to the medical field. Contact the club President Stephanie Cruz at 431-0267.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

This is a club for students who want to balance their academic and relationship needs by developing and maintaining a healthy, god-centered perspective on life. Together, they explore and encourage "our most important relationship, the one with God our Father." The question that they seek to answer is "how can the real God of heaven affect our everyday life?" Contact club president Noelle Barrera at 680-0452

Hillel

Offers students the opportunity to celebrate their Jewish identity. Hillel has many campus specific Jewish activities such as Shabbat dinners and holiday parties. Many regional activities include camping trips, bowling, and bonfires. Students have the opportunity to travel to Israel to learn more about their culture and heritage. Contact Jennifer Fass at 741-3190

Alpha Phi Omega

Alpha Phi Omega is a co-ed national service fraternity, not a social fraternity and it is established on the principals of leadership, friendship and service. Since its establishment, the chapter has been involved with numerous events and projects including the Annual Y-100 Wing Ding, the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, Love Jen Festival, Women in Distress, Make a Wish Foundation, the International Olympic Games, and the Boy Scouts of America. Feel free to contact IOC for further information on campus activities including established organizations. It is possible to start a new club/organization on campus. There are no limits except the human imagination.

Sigma Alpha Mu's

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Sigma Alpha Mu's Bounce for Beats

by Sean Leahy
Contributing Writer

On Thursday, November 16th at 8 am, Sigma Alpha Mu will begin their annual philanthropical event, Bounce for Beats. Over the next 36 hours, the brothers will take turns bouncing a basketball in order to help raise money and awareness for The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation. Bounce for Beats is an annual event held by Sigma Alpha Mu chapters around the country. Last year, the Sammys at NSU raised \$1010 for Pediatric Aids. This year, Sigma Alpha Mu hopes to increase that figure greatly.

Bounce for Beats 2000 will end at 8 pm on Friday, November 17th in the Flight Deck. The ending of the event will coincide with TGIF's karaoke. If you would like to support

Sigma Alpha Mu and Pediatric Aids, be sure to talk to a brother about buying raffle tickets or donating prizes or money. Also, be in the Flight Deck Friday, November 17th when Bounce for Beats to celebrate the conclusion of a great event.

About Bounce for Beats

Bounce for Beats, a national service project copyrighted by Sigma Alpha Mu, was an innovation of the 1960s. Scores of chapters bouncing a basketball to symbolize the heartbeat have collected hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Heart Fund. Moreover, chapters have also developed many other philanthropic activities over the years. More recently, in addition to Bounce for Beats, Sigma Alpha Mu has also assisted the Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

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GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

by Noelle Barrera

Contributing Writer

DID YOU KNOW?

- This year, 1.2 million Americans successfully quit smoking permanently.

- Within 8 hours of quitting, the carbon monoxide level in the blood drops to normal and the oxygen level in the blood increases to normal.

- Within 2 weeks to 3 months of quitting, circulation improves and lung function increases up to 30%.

- One year after quitting smoking, the excess risk of heart attack caused by smoking is reduced by half.

- Within 5 years of quitting, lung cancer death rate for the average former smoker decreases by almost one-half; stroke risk is reduced to that of nonsmoker; risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, and esophagus is half of a smoker's.

- After 10 years of non-smok-

ing, the risk of lung cancer for former smokers drops to less than one-half that of a continuing smoker.

(These statistics were taken from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.)

On November 16, 2000, the Wellness Center is encouraging smokers to quit for ONE day. That's right, just one day. If you are a smoker, you may have said many times that you can quit whenever you want. Take the challenge and participate in the Great American Smokeout along with the rest of the nation's smokers. You could think of it as a demonstration of patriotism, since national elections were a week before.

If you want to quit for good, there are some things you can do to be successful. First, prepare yourself to quit. Write down and reread your reasons for giving up smoking. Create

accountability by involving the people around you in your decision. Tell them you are quitting and ask for their support. Then set a target date for quitting, (November 16 is a good start). Mark the day on your calendar and tell the people at home and at work. Once you decide on a date, do not change it for any reason. Work up to your quit date by making smoking inconvenient. Instead of buying a whole carton, purchase a single pack. Stop carrying cigarettes with you and don't buy a new pack until the old one is empty. Also find alternative ways to relax so you are ready; you can try exercise, meditation, or focused breathing.

On the day that you decide to quit, throw away all of your cigarettes, matches, lighters and ashtrays. Stay very busy and spend your free time in places where smoking isn't allowed, such as theatres and stores. Keep your hands busy so won't miss holding a

cigarette. You can try doodling or playing with a paper clip. Buy oral substitutes, such as healthy snacks, hard candies, and gum. Treat yourself with something special to celebrate your quit date.

After you quit, it will be a challenge to keep from relapsing. You will have to change your lifestyle and some of your habits in order to avoid the temptation to "just smoke one" with a friend. It is not easy, but the health rewards are worth the effort. If you do relapse, don't give up and try again.

A smoking cessation program is available on campus through the Community Mental Health Center's Guided Self-Change Clinic. The program is offered free of charge to all NSU students and employees. For information or an appointment, call the clinic at (954) 262-5968.

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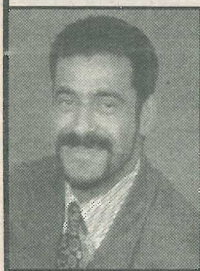
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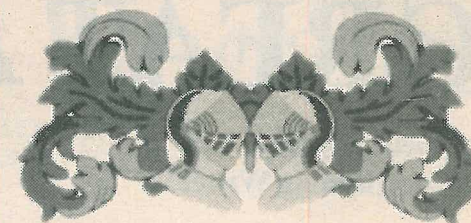
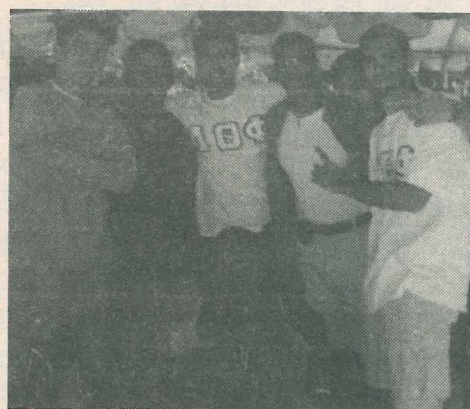
by Peter Salerno
Staff Writer

Lambda Theta Phi is a non-profit service/social fraternity emphasizing Latin unity and the celebration of the Latin Culture. It is the oldest and largest fraternity of its kind in the United States. With its acceptance into the National Inter-fraternal Conference in 1992, Lambda Theta Phi became the first and only nationally recognized latino greek letter fraternity in the country. Lambda Theta Phi's Beta Gamma chapter celebrated its first year at Nova Southeastern University. The Beta Gamma chapter was founded October 31st with five founding brothers Sammy Ventura, Cesar Ortiz, Didier Dorelien, Ary Perez, and Pedro Santana. Lambda Theta Phi's goals are to promote scholarship, Latin unity,

respect for all cultures, and brotherhood. Lambda Theta Phi has set out to accomplish these goals through responsible political and social action. They have been involved with current political occurrences as well as having volunteered in various community service activities.

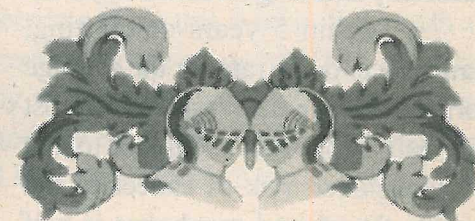
On Thursday, October 26th Lambda threw a BBQ in front of the Parker Building for all students and faculty to enjoy. Student cooks prepared hotdogs, hamburgers, and vegetarian burgers served with cold drinks and potato chips. Over 150 people showed to this successful event throughout the course of the afternoon, not only for the food but also for the Latin music. The event was well organized and planned-out as seen by the large turnout.

Lambda Theta Phi is looking for interested men to participate in their winter semester rush. Updated information on upcoming meetings and events will be posted throughout the campus. If you are interested, please e-mail Sammy Ventura (Beta Gamma Chapter Founding President) at Conquistador1221@compuserve.com.



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PEER EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT

Wellness Center
Press Release

A dynamic part of the Recreation and Wellness Department (the newly combined Sports & Recreation and the Wellness Center) is the S.H.A.P.E. program. Student Health Advocates for Peer Education are student employees who are committed to encouraging their fellow peers to make healthy lifestyle choices while on campus and afterwards.

Peer educators promote college-related health theme weeks such as National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, AIDS Awareness Week, and Sexual Responsibility Week. The designation of the themes and dates for these come from the Bacchus and Gamma Peer Education Network, a nationwide organization that focuses on health promotion on college campuses.

For example, during AIDS Awareness Week, free confidential

HIV testing was offered for students. Another event that will be held on November 16th is the Great American Smokeout, encouraging people to quit smoking for a day. S.H.A.P.E. members also do presentations for campus student organizations on topics such as total wellness, date rape, nutrition, stress management, body image, and alcohol. The peer educators research the topics and build on past presentations in order to do an effective job.

Another part of being a peer educator is publicity and promotion. For every event, speaker, and special day, tons of posters, flyers, and announcements must be made. One way to do this is through maintaining a close working relationship with Residential Life and the Resident Advisors who are instrumental in encouraging their residents to become involved in S.H.A.P.E. sponsored activities.

Presently, the liaison between Recreation and Wellness and the R.A.'s is Tina Sears. Tina is a Humani-

ties major who is dedicated to helping her fellow residents and peers to making healthier choices through education, example, and promotion.

She not only works to spread health awareness, she also models a healthy lifestyle. Tina is a vegetarian and works out regularly at the Rec-Plex. She is passionate about nutrition and exercise, and has contributed a lot to the S.H.A.P.E. program since she started nine months ago.

The R.A.'s all know Tina well because she attends their weekly meetings to make announcements on behalf of Recreation and Wellness. The enthusiasm and dedication she shows for her job are the keys to maintaining a successful peer education program on this campus. Here is what she has to say about her role in S.H.A.P.E., "I



believe that people should be educated so that they may make positive lifestyle decisions that not only impact their success in college but in their future."

For more information on S.H.A.P.E. or Recreation and Wellness, check out our website at www.nova.edu/cwis/wc/.

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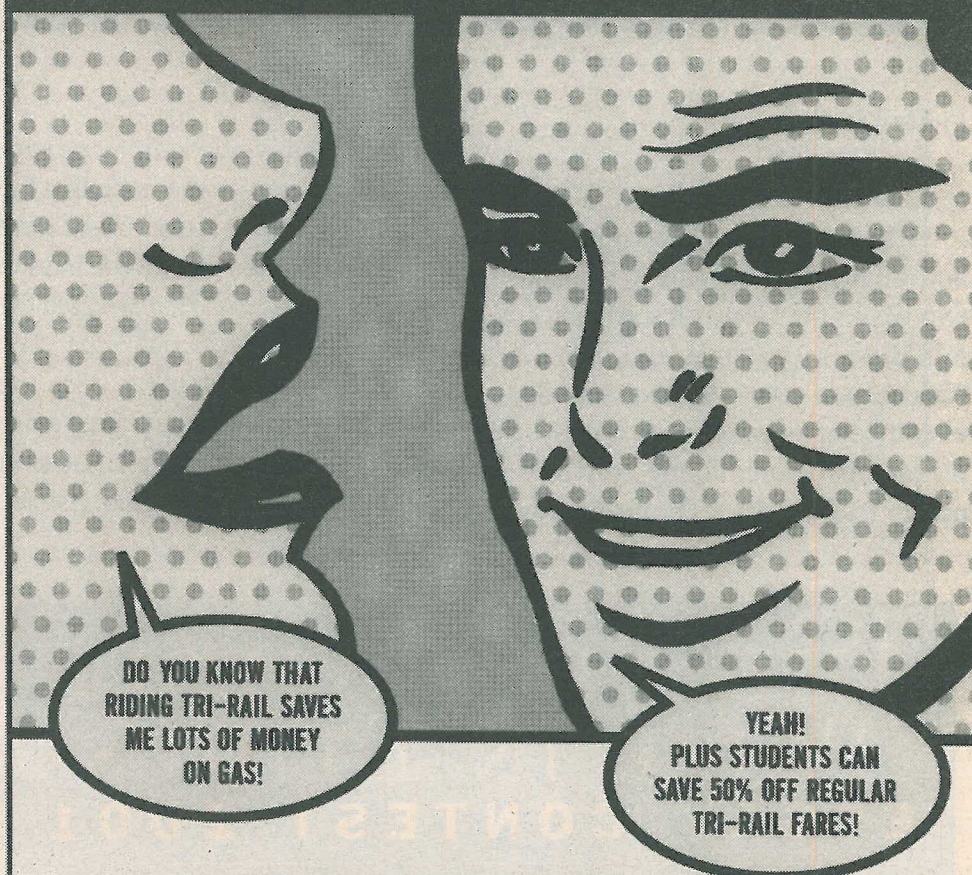
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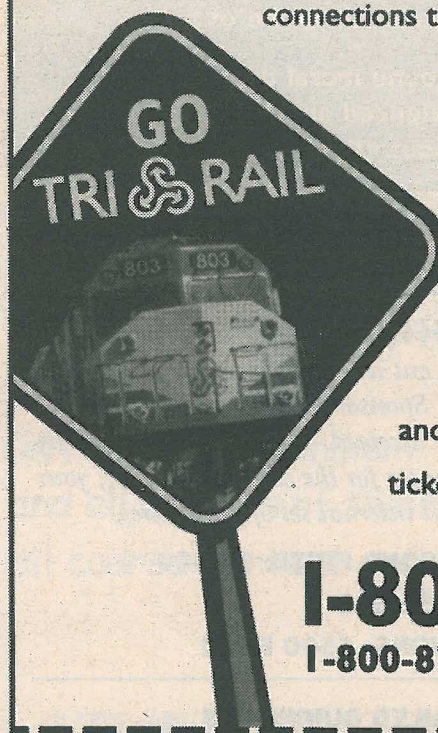
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Business World

by Dan Grenier
Staff Writer

The market has been improving and moving forward lately. In the last two weeks the Dow has seen gains of 591.36 points, reaching 10817.95. The Nasdaq didn't see a positive trend necessarily, but its losses were not as significant as before, falling only 31.56 points to 3483.14. The technology

sector did finally rally a little, providing investors with some hope that the market is on the rise again. There were some major stories that hit the market in the past two weeks that affected the market both positively and negatively.

On Monday October 23rd, the nation's largest communications company, AT&T, announced plans to split the company into different divisions.

There will be four divisions in the company: business services, consumer services, broadband, and wireless services. Shareholders of AT&T, the fourth most widely owned stock, will exchange their stock for shares in the business. Dividends to be paid out, however, will be far less than expected, and this has upset many, if not at all, investors. All of this news caused AT&T's stock to lose nearly \$4, falling to \$23.38. The stock, as of Monday November 6, stands at \$22.31.

On Wednesday October 25th, America Online unveiled its newest version of its software. AOL 6.0 will allow subscribers to go online and pre-program the basic information they want available over the phone, such as stock quotes, weather forecasts, and sports news. A toll-free number will allow them to hear this information. AOL's stock has seen a rise in its price lately after hitting a 52 week low of \$37 on October 18th. The stock is now around \$55.

The three biggest oil companies in the U.S., Exxon, Chevron, and Texaco all reported record earnings due to the highest oil prices in nine years. Chevron will buy Texaco for \$45.4 billion in stock.

Bertelsmann AG announced on Tuesday October 31st an agreement with Napster that forms a new, secure membership-based distribution system that will guarantee payments to the artists whose music is swapped using the company's software. Bertelsmann, as part of the agreement, will drop its lawsuit against Napster, as well as loan Napster money to make a news catalog available. Bertelsmann will also be able to buy a stake in Napster. Should other music companies, such as Sony, Warner, EMI, and Universal, follow this system, Napster may be allowed to continue to operate without being sued.

So, overall, the market has potentially been given some life in the last two weeks. Hopefully, in the next two weeks, the market will continue to build on positive news and move higher.

Smokeout

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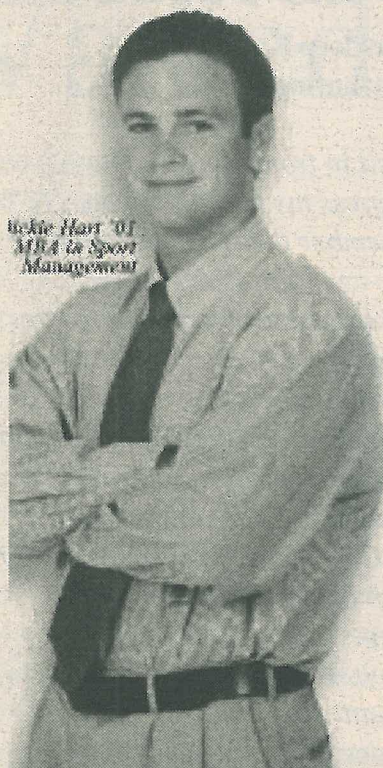
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Alternative Mix-Up in West Palm

by Althea Mease
Staff Writer

On Sunday, November 5, a local radio station held its annual fall concert at Mars Music Ampitheatre. Sixteen bands were scheduled to make an appearance, including Eve 6, MxPx, Everclear, Wheatus, Harvey Danger, the Foo Fighters, Fuel and Our Lady Peace. The concert had equally dull and intense moments, with surprisingly good performances from lesser-known bands and rather boring performances from popular bands. All in all, the good outweighed the bad, making this concert quite entertaining.

Among the worst of the acts was Wheatus, a new band that has gained recent fame from the success of their single "Teenage Dirtbag." As is prone to happen with a new band that has one hit single, Wheatus drew a huge crowd that desired to hear only one song, played over and over again. As is prone to happen when the band does not comply with the crowd's wishes in such situations, garbage and insults began hurtling towards the performers. This was aggravated by the band's declaration that they liked having garbage thrown at them, provided they did not get hit. Unfortunately, the barrage of trash that resulted from those com-

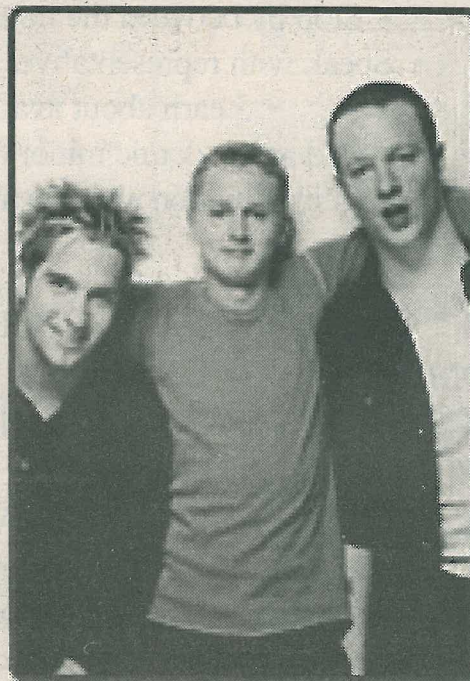
ments rained upon the band members with enough force to knock down the microphone and throw the lead guitar out of tune. Worse still, the band was represented by only two members, the singer/guitar player and the harmonica/bongo player. The other half of the band was mysteriously absent. This made "Teenage Dirtbag" sound worse than it usually does, but the trend-loving crowd did not care and immediately stopped throwing trash. All told, the act was not a pretty sight. Can you say "one hit wonder?"

Another band that left me unimpressed was Local H. Local H is certainly not a one hit wonder, but their set bored me. Simply put, they sounded bad. All of the other bands who played on that stage that day sounded great, so it wasn't the sound system making them sound so weak. A mediocre band has the same energy live as on the radio, a good band adds something in concert, and a bad band sounds less powerful live. Local H's music was nowhere near as enjoyable at the concert as on the radio. However, perhaps the band was merely having a bad day. A friend of mine (irritated at my comments on Local H) assured me that they are a good band and especially "rock" in concert. Sadly, MxPx also disappointed me and the rest of the concertgoers by not even showing up.

Many of the bands, on the other hand, showed their true colors in concert and gave good performances. Fuel, Our Lady Peace, and Everclear each added extra energy to their performances, each heightening the things that set their sounds apart from other bands. Their performances were what bands should do in concert, presenting good music that can thrill fans, entertain passive listeners, and intrigue people hearing the band's music for the first time. The Foo Fighters headlined the show, and gave a decent performance. I consider them a medio-

cre band, as they sounded pretty much the same live as on the radio, with nothing extra to stir the crowd. However, fans can still enjoy such a performance with a passion, and the arena was filled with such people. It was an energetic set for that reason.

The band that gave the best performance was Eve 6. They instantly captured the stage as their own. They played early in the day, so the crowd was sparse, but they certainly did not deserve it. The energy and depth they brought to the music was captivating. The singer has such a presence onstage that he could be playing to a packed nightclub, a Woodstock arena, or an empty room without being affected. Eve 6 is a very talented band, and has had several hits since appearing on the scene a few years ago. They just released a new album, containing the most exciting song of the set, "Promise." This band made the day for me. I advise you to check them out live whenever you can, as it'll be well worth your while. Also, take advantage of big radio shows whenever possible, as you never know what bands you may be exposed to that you would never go see otherwise.



NSU Poetry Distance

by Ravdeep Kaur (Rina)
Contributing Writer

*As I sit in front you
to express my feeling of you.
I remember the times in which we
lived
and I brought it back with me to
you in a
different time shift
Though! We are now apart in time
The bonds of love we have woven
are made of
our connection of hearts of heaven
Which can overcome the test
destiny
has put in front of us to withstand
the matter
in space that was once fused
but has now broken.*

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*I can't tolerate to be surround by
innocence trapped
with a soul of a serpent*

*I escape from the everyday lingered
routine of outward
appearances*

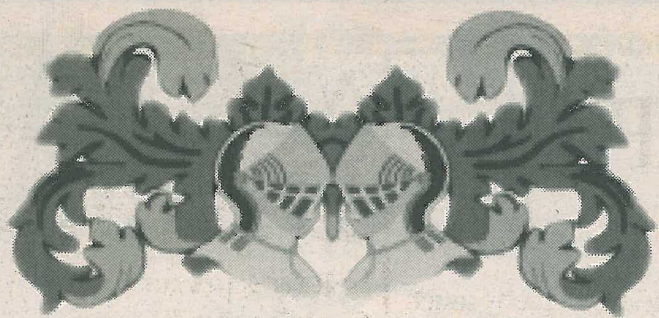
*Can power be defeated by love?
Is there really a natural of all
things?*

*I have never heard of achieving
knowledge without
a little pain and struggle*

*Permitting myself to fly towards the
everlasting excellence is
the desperation of my being*

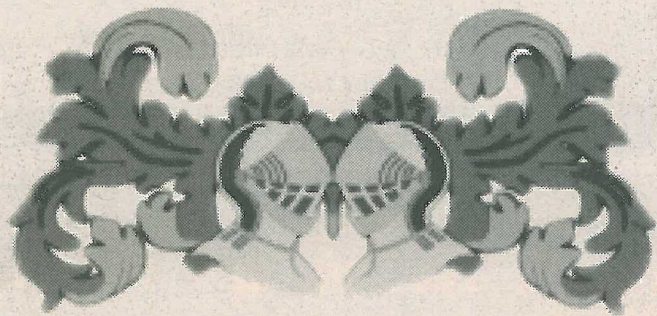
*It only gets brazed as I conceive
the falsity
of the mainstream paradise*

*To understand the world, the
observer
must penetrate the moiety of
nothing and something*



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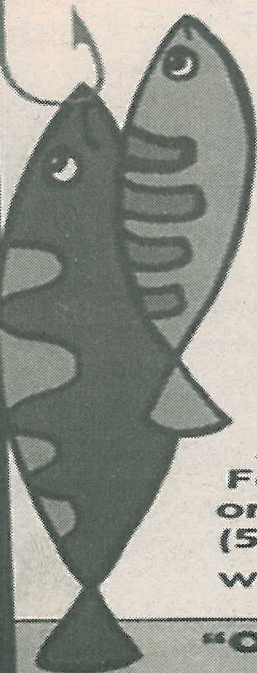


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Movie Review: Meet the Parents

by Caleb Kennedy
Staff Writer

What would happen if somebody combined the most improbable events imaginable into one movie? I would suggest that this feat was accomplished and consolidated into one movie named *Meet the Parents*.

Gaylord "Greg" Focker (Ben Stiller) wants to marry his girlfriend Pam (Teri Polo). He is about to propose when he is indirectly informed that he should tell Pam's dad of his

intentions towards Pam. Pam and Greg go to meet her parents and attend the wedding of Pam's sister. Meeting Pam's parents starts off badly. Greg stumbles into situations both unavoidable and due to his own eagerness to impress Pam's parents. He insults Pam's parents repeatedly and destroys the urn containing the ashes of Pam's great grandmother, right after Pam's dad reads an ode

to the lady whose ashes are contained in the urn. Greg is just warming up. He causes the septic tank to overflow the day before the wedding held on a spot over septic field. He informs Pam's dad, Jack (Robert De Niro) that the famous Puff the Magic Dragon song by Peter, Paul, and Mary is about smoking weed. Some time later Pam's loser brother sticks his used pipe into Greg's coat causing Jack to scrutinize

Greg's every move. Greg loses the family cat to which Jack is very attached. He is almost arrested at airport. Now you get the general idea that nothing goes right.

DeNero is cast perfectly as overly protective father who is an ex CIA operative. Ben Stiller as Greg evokes a sympathetic and funny response as a beleaguered well-intentioned suitor. I have only mentioned some of the highlights of the movie. Watch the movie to find out how it ends. This movie is very good at taking an old plot, meeting parents, and revitalizing it by not stick-

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Movie Mistakes: Stargate and Independence Day

by Erika Diaz
Layout Editor

I had a little bit of a hard time deciding what movie to pick on for this issue. I finally decided to pay homage to aliens. Instead of doing the typical alien movies I decided to do this about movies that held a special place in my heart. Stargate has what I consider to be one of the most lovely men on the planet acting in it. Jaye Davidson plays Ra. True, he's not exactly the star of the film, but I loved him in it nonetheless. The special effects in the movie kept me amused, as did the movie on the whole. Independence Day was another great film. The acting was genuinely solid. Jeff Goldblum was inadvertently comical and Will Smith was his usual self. Now that I've become a walking ad, I think the time has come to commence the nit-picking.

Stargate

Through almost the entire movie the cast is wearing sunglasses. If you look into them, you can see the reflections of the crew members off stage, camera, and white boards. Oh, sweet editing.

When Jackson and the troops first arrive on the planet through the



Stargate, they carefully leave the building they arrived in and look back at it. We see the building, the pyramid behind it and the sky with three moons. This planet is supposed to be in another galaxy, but the highest of the three moons is obviously Earth's moon. Are we to believe that this planet is earth at some time when it has three moons or should we chalk this one up to those lovely editors again?

After the girl is killed, James Spider puts her in the regeneration unit. Just before the lid closes, you can see her eyelid flicker. She's dead... really... we promise she is...



When Ra (take a moment to fawn over him) prepares to send the bomb through the Stargate, Jackson and O'Neil (disguised as Egyptians) enter the building in front of Ra's pyramid ship along with some other Egyptians who proceed to shoot dead some of Ra's workers. During this battle the doorway to the building closes before the others can get in. Now it's a big heavy rock door so presumably it's rather difficult to break down or force open, but just after Ra and his ship get blown up at the end we see Jackson, O'Neil and Sha'uri standing in the doorway which is now open again. We never see how they get that door open. We can only assume they had some help from the disembodied spirit of Andre the Giant.

Independence Day

Why did the aliens take up position

over the First Interstate building in downtown L.A.? This is not the center of L.A., nor does it play a pivotal role in the functioning of the city, like the White House. Come to think of it, neither is The Empire State Building in New York City. These don't sound like very practical tactical positions. They must really hate bankers or have really bad credit.

Will Smith's girlfriend avoids an explosion by ducking into a janitor's closet inside a tunnel, yet the special effects show the beam knocking over buildings, and there's even a shot of the entire city being leveled. The next day, however, there's all sorts of debris and survivors left behind. These aliens really need to make up their minds.

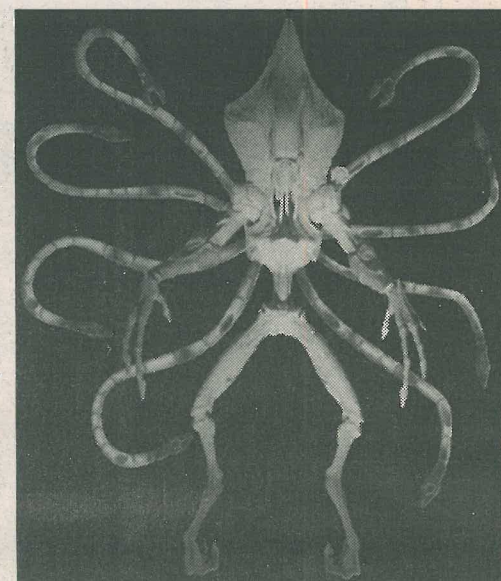
When the fleet of alien vessels is wiping out the army base, they fire hundreds of shots, yet we never see any of them hit the ground, except to blow up a few planes. I'm guessing the shots were blanks.

How is it that Will Smith's girlfriend could live through the gigantic fireball that barreled its way through the tunnel she was in? A fireball of that size would no doubt cause all the oxygen in the tunnel to either burn up (leaving her nothing to breathe) or become super-heated and kill her that way. I hate it when people survive needlessly.

Will Smith's girlfriend finds an abandoned truck -- why didn't the gasoline in the tank explode when it came in contact with the fireball? There is no way that fireball missed a truck that size sitting so close to the opening of the tunnel, unless of course this particular fireball has bad aim and even worse depth perception. A fireball with wall-eye really shouldn't be participating in a quest for world domination. Remember, an army is only as good as it's weakest member.

When the First Lady is hopping in the helicopter to fly out of L.A., another helicopter is nearby. It flies past a building that has a large IBM logo on it. People are standing on the top of the building, giving the impression that it is one of the first buildings to blow up. Remember that the movie was sponsored by Apple. Love the competition.

When Jeff Goldblum and Judd Hirsch are playing chess, the radio next



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to them says it's 97 degrees outside. Yet the two men are both dressed as if it were winter time. When the President's assistant is waiting for him the first morning she is reading U.S.A. Today. On the back there is a weather map and it is blue and green, the colors for cold in U.S.A. Today. It was a hot July day! This movie had some serious issues regarding temperature consistency.

When Jeff Goldblum is throwing a tantrum in the hangar housing the captured alien craft he knocks over several plastic garbage cans one of which is clearly labeled "Art Dept" - kind of odd for a top secret underground government military research facility.

Alcohol Awareness Week Wasted on Drinkers?

by **Caleb Kennedy**
Staff Writer

On October 20, 2000, my roommate urged me to come outside my room to see some spectacle on the third floor. I went outside to see what was so exciting and was mildly surprised (I am a senior who has lived in the dorms for four years) to see 40 beer bottles placed on the third floor railing at the Leo Goodwin Sr. Residence Hall. I wrote it off as a display inspired by some drunken revelers to show their inebriated creativity. The incident stuck in my mind so I grabbed a camera and took some pictures. A Novalert security guard was roaming the halls around the empty beer bottles. A few minutes later the bottles miraculously disappeared. I suspect that the Novalert guy was either bored or didn't want to file a report about it so he cleaned it up before anybody said anything.

October 9th -13th was Alcohol Awareness Week with the Grand Fi-

nale being the Smart Drink Contest. I started wondering whether this was a solitary incident or just a reflection of the drinking habits at Nova. Sure there are parties every few weeks or so but is drinking a problem among Nova students? I think not. As I wrote in the last issue, there were a fair amount of drunken students at the Beta Party but it seemed contained within the sophomore and freshmen classes. My freshmen years there were several notorious drinkers among the freshmen class. Three individuals stick out in my mind, two freshmen males and one female nicknamed after a state. One received his nickname after it was learned that he averaged about drinking about 7 beers a night and he had a driving under the influence charge on his license.

Terry Weech one of the administrators for the Dorms conducted a survey (with the help of R.A.'s) from students for Alcohol Awareness Week.

I think that the results of this survey were inaccurate. The results indicated that most students didn't drink and were responsible drinkers. I don't doubt that this is the case but I believe that the number of drinkers on Nova's campus was inaccurate. I think that the most students are not going to accurately catalogue their drinking habits so that the administration can analyze the trends. It is analogous to anonymously reporting how many times you

sped to the police. Somehow I don't think that the data is just going to be tossed in the garbage. I theorize that the results of the survey were discussed at the RA/Administration meeting. It is problematic to try and determine how many students drink or how many don't without defining the term "drinking". For my purposes drinking means the consumption of alcohol for the sole purpose of coming under the sedative influence of the drug. Based on my experiences as a student at Nova I would say that overall there is not a drinking problem but that some individuals drink deleterious amounts of the drug on a regular basis.



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Schooling: Second year life science major at Nova Southeastern University

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Host: Sherone Mullings

Show name: DJ and a Information Exchange Program

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Public Relations director of NSU's Radio X, Sherone Mulling who is currently attending Nova Southeastern University at the business school, whose future goal is to practice law, is currently starting a new program on Radio X 88.5 FM everyday at 7PM. This program is called the Information Exchange featuring organizations, clubs, academic and non-academic services, not-for-profit organizations. Being featured on the Information Exchange is free to all NSU faculty and student organizations. All programs are prerecorded and professionally edited by radio station staff.

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Meet the Parents Review

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ing to traditional clichéd gags. I believe that two emotional responses were possible when viewing this movie either sympathy or laughter. I chose sympathy.

(Finally, I must comment on one part of the movie. Greg scored a 97% percentile on the MCAT, which is a superb score, and would roughly approximate a score of 42 or so on the MCAT which is nearly impossible. Nobody at NSU has even come close to obtaining this score. It is doubtful that many people have ever scored that high. It is very improbable that anyone who received such a great score on one of the hardest standardized tests would not become a doctor but become a nurse.

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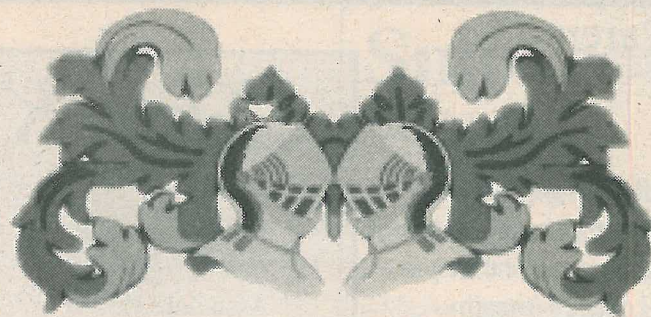
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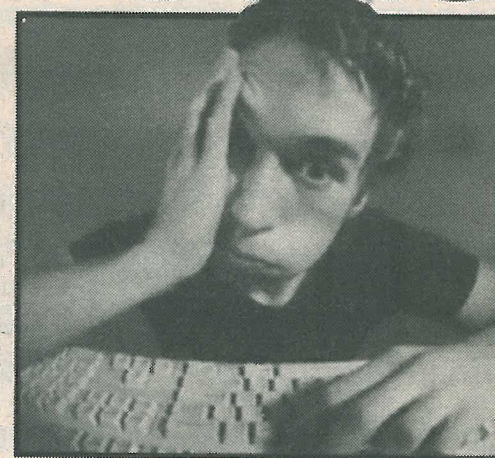


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Nova Southeastern Sports Updates

by Vicki Greenbaum
Contributing Writer

Men's Soccer Claims Second Consecutive Region XIV Title

The Nova Southeastern men's soccer team (14-6-1) traveled to Daytona, Florida this past weekend to play in the NAIA Region XIV Tournament at Embry Riddle University and they came out the Champions. The Knights won the title by beating Flagler College 3-0 in the semi-finals and finishing off St. Thomas University 2-1 to win the Tournament. Senior Teofilo Cubillas (Coral Springs, FL, Taravella High) was the hero of the finals scoring both goals, the second and game winner being a 35-yard free kick. Cubillas will head to Nationals with 18 goals, eight assists and 44 points. Junior Rafael Ferreiro (Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Cardinal Gibbons High) added an assist to his totals bringing him to the team high 13 assists which brings his total points to 43 on the season. The leader in the semi-finals was

sophomore Carlos Cadena (Coconut Creek, FL). He scored both goals bringing him to nine on the season as well as eight assists and 26 points. Sophomore goalie Jeremy Flint (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) played tremendously throughout the tournament totaling 11 saves. Flint broke the school record of 121 saves in the second half of the semi-finals and continues to add to his total of 129. Flint also has a goals against average of 1.28. The entire NSU defense stepped it up in the tournament allowing only one goal. A few of the Knights were honored while at Regionals. Being named First Team All-Conference was Flint, Ferreiro, Cubillas and Richard Williams (Manchester, Jamaica). Second Team All-Conference went to Eduardo Ruiz (Caracas, Venezuela). Cubillas was also honored with Florida Sun Conference Player of the year

(see article below) while head coach Joe Depalo received the All-Region Coach of the Year Honor. NSU will travel Albuquerque, New Mexico this weekend for the NAIA National Tournament. The Knights are seeded 12th and will play University of Illinois-Springfield at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 17.



Women's Soccer

NSU's women's soccer team saw their season come to a close in the finals of the NAIA Region XIV Tournament when they fell to top-seeded Palm Beach Atlantic College 2-3 on Saturday. The Knights had a good run but just could not get past the Sailfish. Freshman Alana Berg (Sunrise, FL) ended the season with ten goals, six assists and 26 points. Freshman Rebecca Harrison (Coral Springs, FL) finished leading the team with 14 goals and 34 points and tied for second with six assists. Junior Dana Deis (Naples, FL) led in assists with seven. Senior Mandi Adams (Coconut Creek High) increased her goals to ten and had four assists with 24 points. Adams ended her career with the Knight with the NSU record of 31 goals and 15 assists. She also holds the record of 77 points and 77 career starts. Jennifer Wiggins (Hauppauge, NY) the Knights' senior goalkeeper brought her career to a close this weekend too with a final total of 114 saves. She holds the career record for saves with 372. As a team the Knights set many records including wins in a season at 16, consecutive wins with seven, 61 goals in a season and fewest goals allowed in a season at 26. NSU's final record was 16-6 and 11-3 in the Florida Sun Conference.

Volleyball

The Knight's volleyball team finished their conference play, players that are contributing to NSU's success this season are senior Stephanie Skidmore (Jensen Beach, FL, Martin County High) who continues dominating in service this season leading the Florida Sun Conference and the team with 68 aces. Junior Carol Douglas (Miami, FL) has the team high kills with 274, setter Lindsey Metts (Boca Raton, FL) continues adding to her high of 741 assists so far this season and Kristin Fantozzi leads with 238 digs. Regionals for them begin November 17 at Palm Beach Atlantic against Barber-Scotia at 5 p.m.

Cubillas Earns Special Honor

by Vicki Greenbaum
Contributing Writer

DAYTONA, Fla- Teofilo Cubillas (Coral Springs, FL) was honored as the NAIA Florida Sun Conference Player of the Year November 9th as well as placed on the First Team All-Conference at the NAIA Regional XIV Tournament banquet in Daytona, FL. The Nova Southeastern men's soccer team traveled to Daytona to attend the banquet and play in the tournament

tomorrow, Friday, November 10 at 5 p.m. against Flagler College. Other players that were honored at the banquet were Jeremy Flint (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), Rafael Ferreiro (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), Richard Williams (Manchester, Jamaica) who were all named to the First All-Conference Team and Eduardo Ruiz (Caracas, Venezuela) who was named to Second Team All-Conference. The Knights hope to continue adding to their success and honors this weekend at the Regional Tournament.



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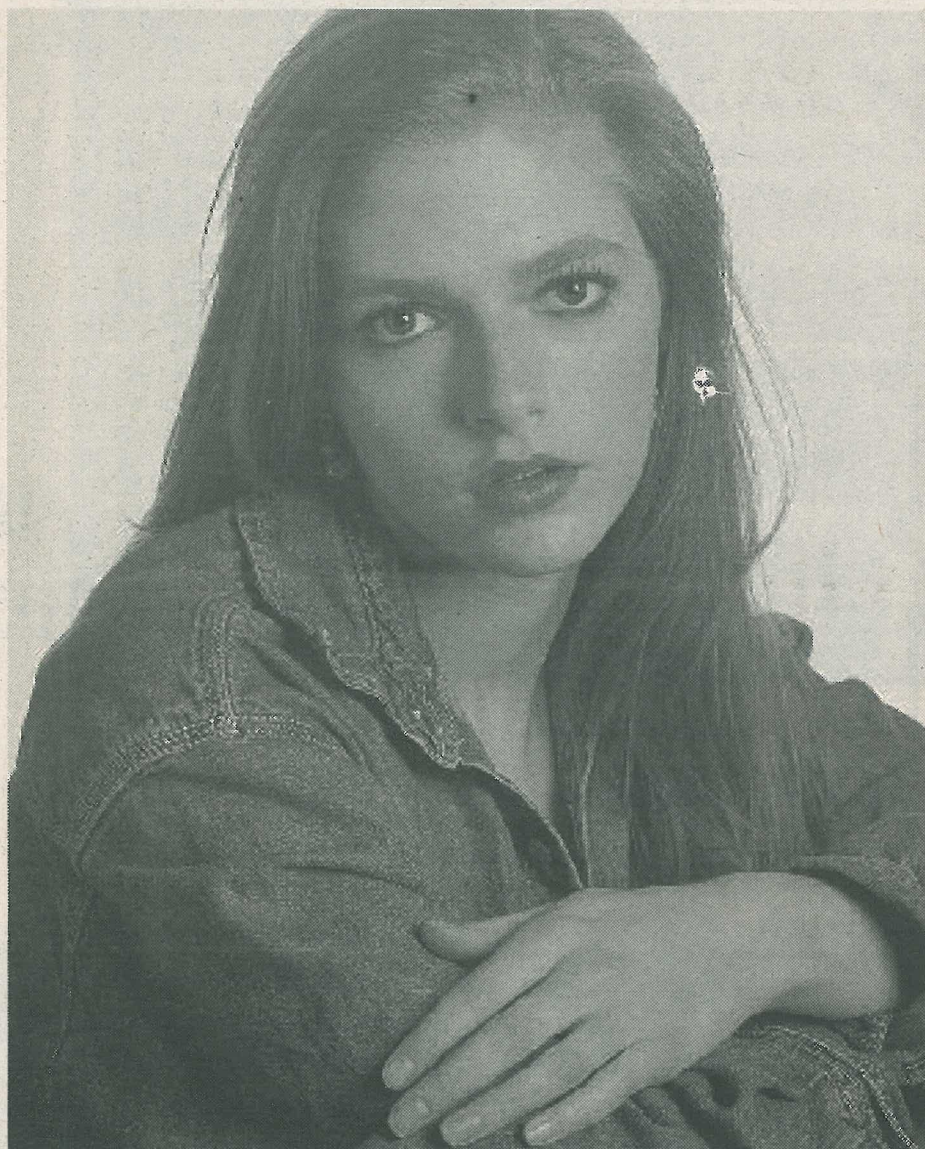
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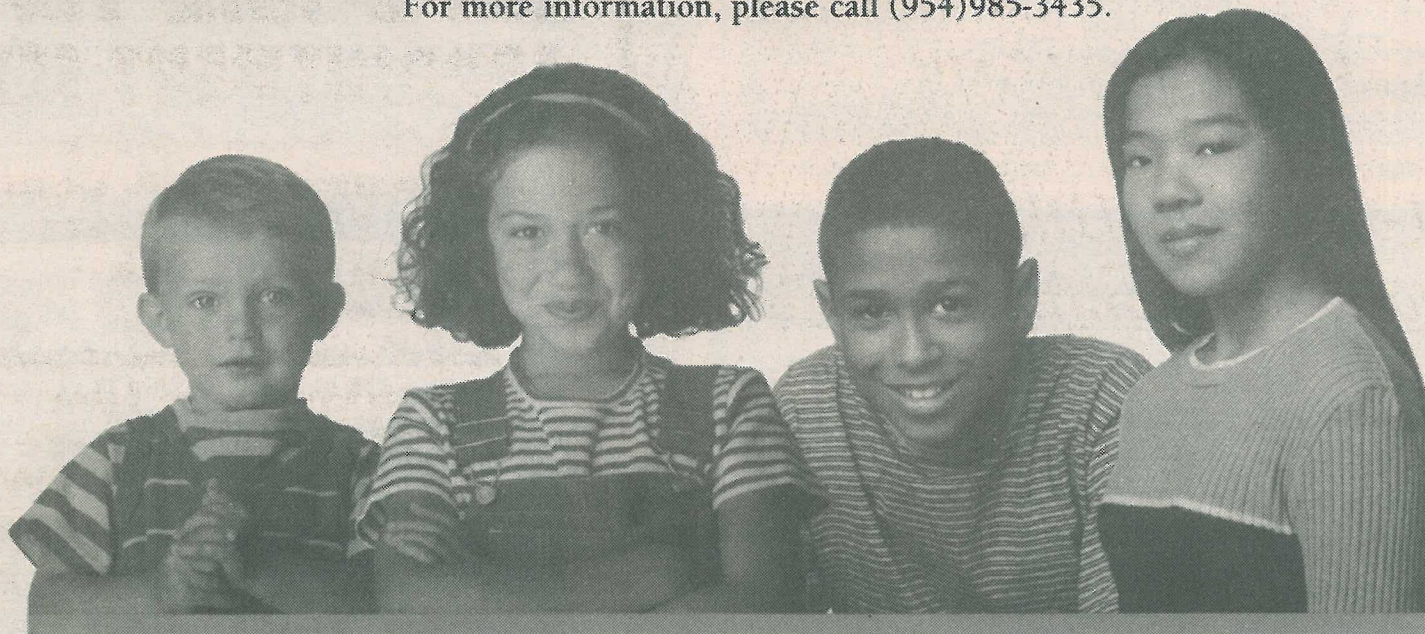


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